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## Halcyon 2009







Class of 2009,

Swarthmore is a place not unfamiliar with transition. Its student body, like every learning institution, is in constant flux. With each passing year, Swarthmore both welcomes a class of eager and frightened young adults into its warm community and sends off a class of both well-worked and well-prepared graduates into the larger world. The same goes for Swarthmore's fine faculty and staff; professors leave for and come back from their beloved Sabbaticals; new faculty and staff are hired; some retire or move on to newer ventures. Of course, the 08-09 academic year was no exception.

With this book, the editorial board of the Halcyon wishes to present to you a visual representation of Swarthmore's own specific method of progress. While the concept of change usually implies passivity, it is exactly in that way that I believe Swarthmore diverges from the norm. As you turn these pages and thus through various chapters of this past academic year, I hope that you can see how Swarthmore refuses to be a mere backseat driver to fate. While since August we have seen some massive changes in the world around us--be it the troubled world economy, the election of our first African-American President, or simply the search for someone to fill the soon-to-be empty seat of our beloved President Al Bloom--the Swarthmore community has consistently placed itself directly into the frontlines, refusing to be simply affected, resolving only to effect.

I cannot even imagine what good you will do for the world now that you have completed your time here at Swarthmore, class of 2009. However, I can say that I do feel like the world is safe in your hands, as it will be with the next class, and the next. As long as Swarthmore holds dear its devotion to finding the light within all, while also demanding a brand of academic excellence that deeply engrains an understanding of the virtues of hard work into the hearts of every one of its students, I feel that the world can and will only change for the better.

Thus, I ask you to please enjoy this book you have in your hands. Years from now I hope that it will be one of the materials you have left from Swarthmore and that as you revisit old memories, it will help reinvigorate the Swarthmore spirit that will surely always be within you. Congratulations, Class of 09!

Best,

James Preimesberger '11 Executive Editor Halcyon 2009 Since arriving at Swarthmore in the late summer of 2005, you have experienced significant changes in your personal and intellectual growth, even profound transformations in how you view yourself and the world. In the process you were challenged in myriad ways by peers, administrators, faculty and staff - that, while not always fun or comfortable, have allowed you to see clearer, think more critically and effect change positively.

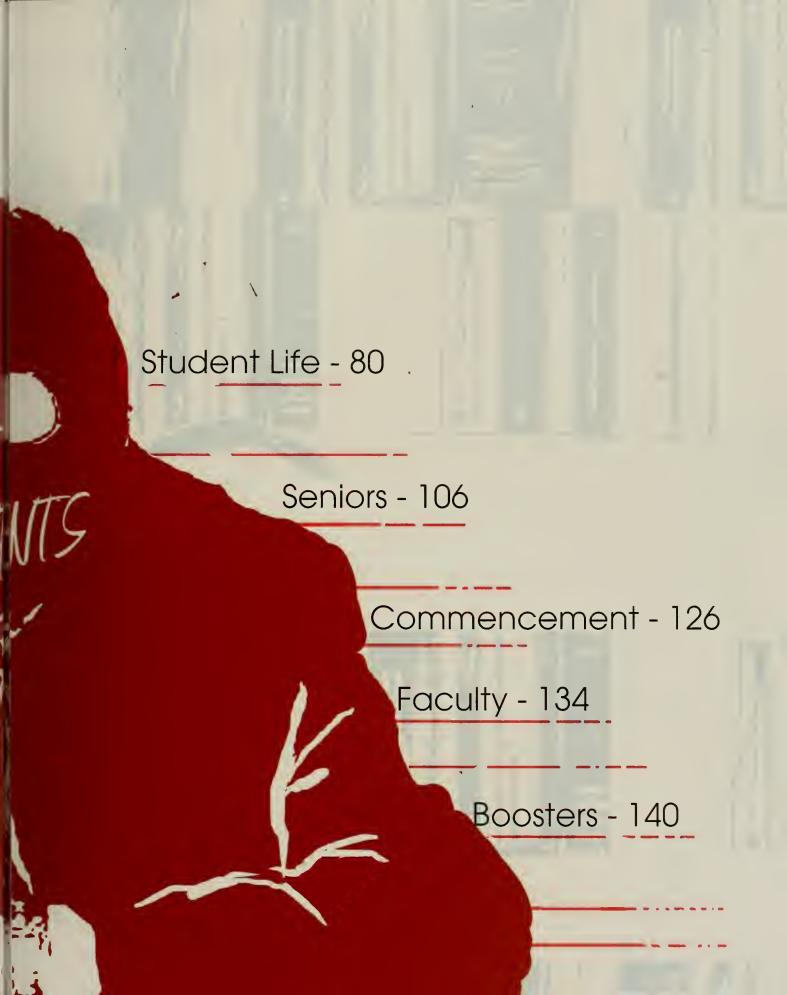
Your contributions to the college and the broader community as Resident Assistants, Writing Associates, athletes, debaters, Student Academic Mentors, Lang Scholars, Orientation Leaders, college committee members, leaders of student organizations, tutors and mentors for children in Chester, Chinatown and Kennett Square, and many more - are immeasurable. On behalf of Swarthmore College, I thank you. Given these trying yet exciting times, your leadership is needed more than ever.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as the Dean for the Class of 2009. Completing the degree requirements and walking across the stage of the glorious Scott Amphitheater, you now join the previous 136 Swarthmore graduating classes whose members have gone on-and continue--to change the world for the better. You have much to build on. It is now your turn

All the Best,

Rafael Angel Zapata Assistant Dean of the College Director of the Intercultural Center and Dean for the Class of 2009

































Paintings by Peter Paone, an artist featured in the Cooper Series.

























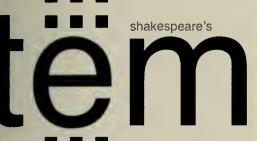


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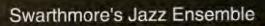
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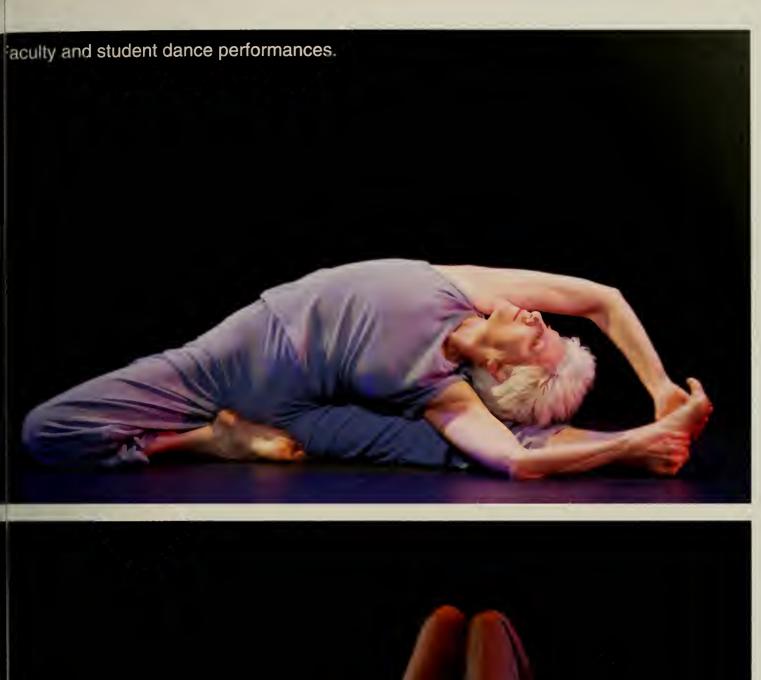


















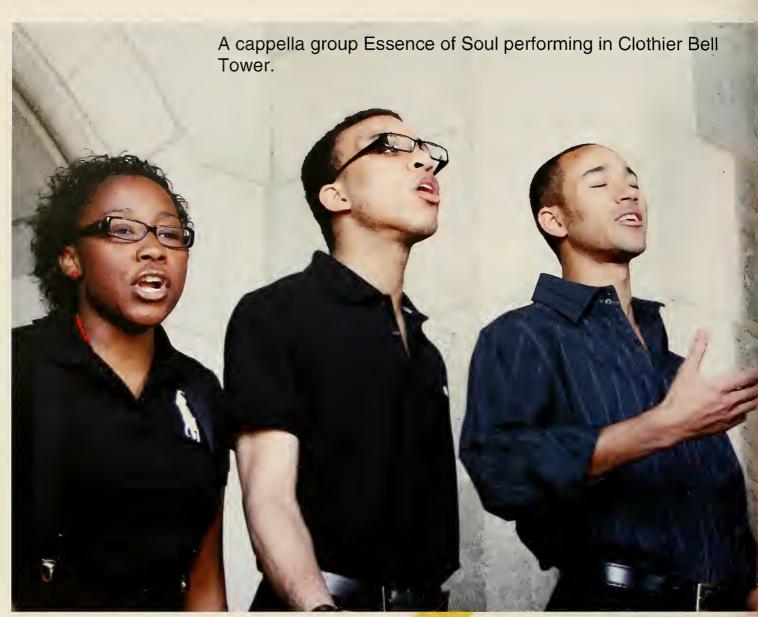
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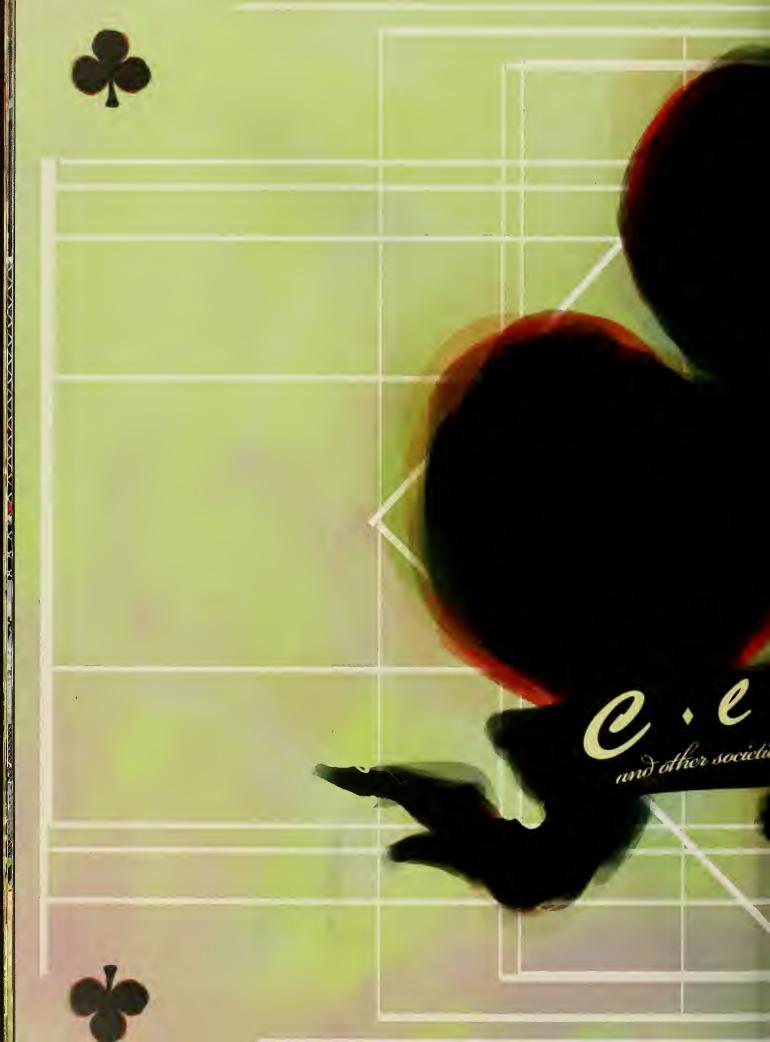
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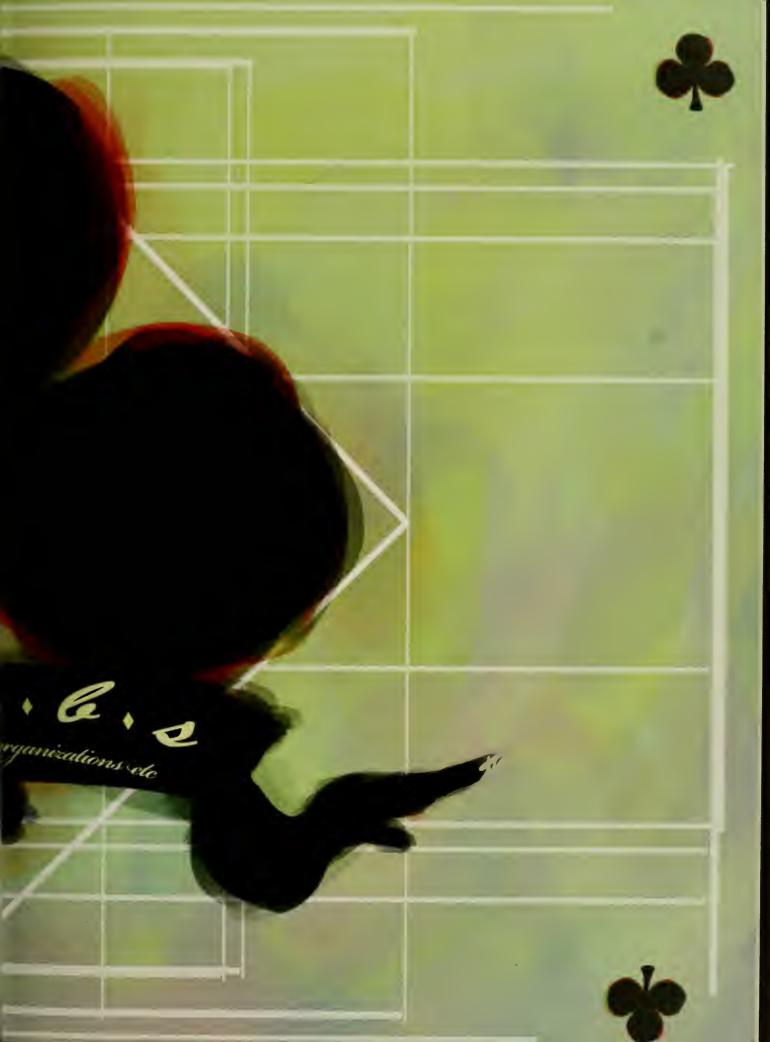






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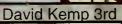






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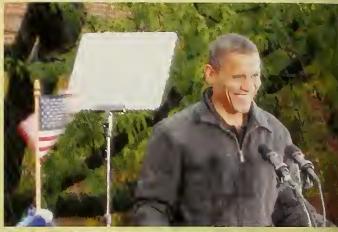














































































































































































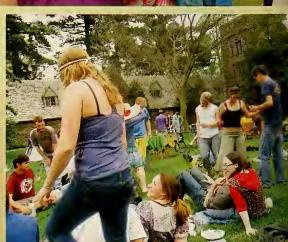
















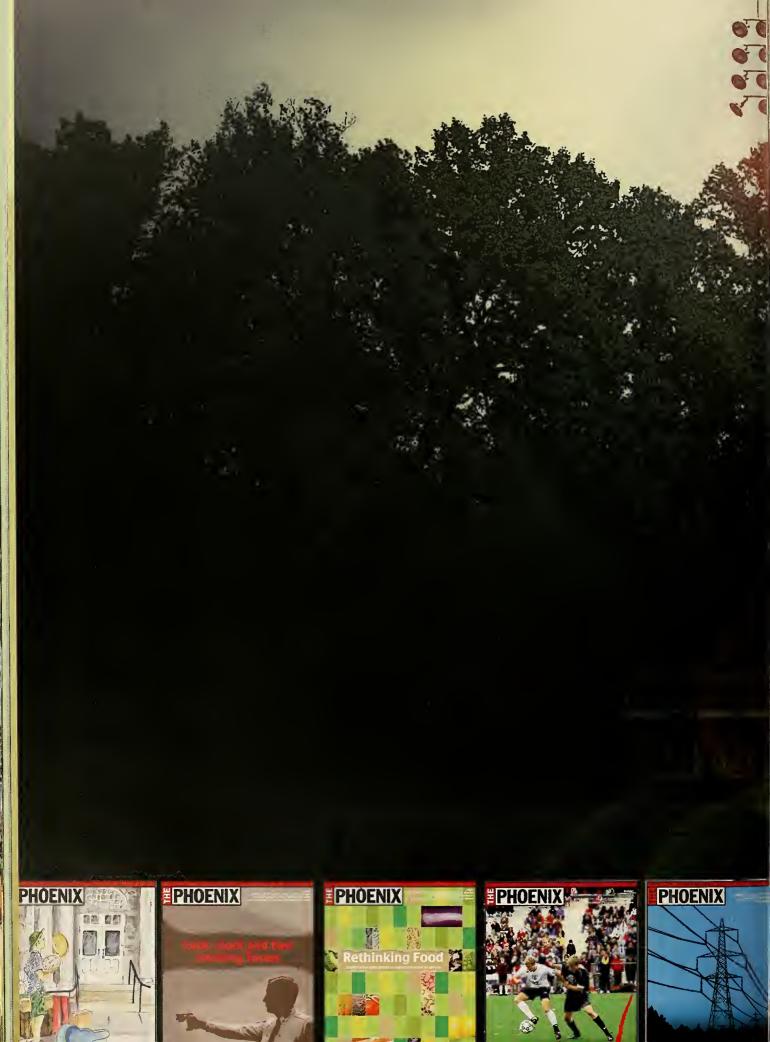














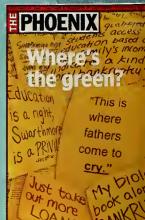




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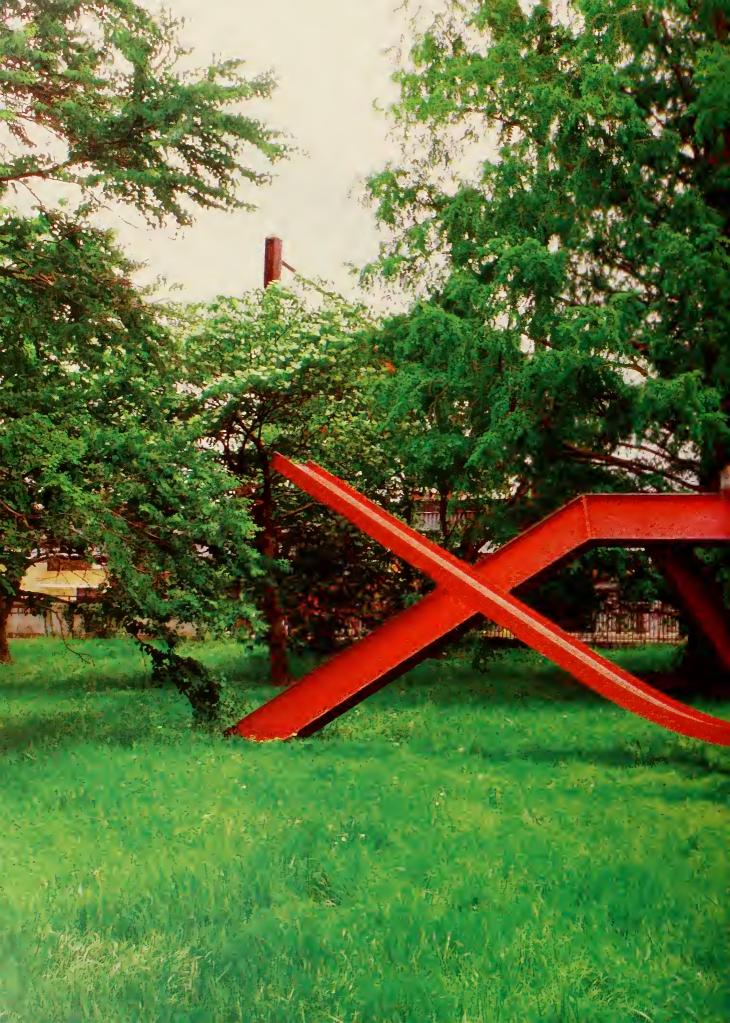
















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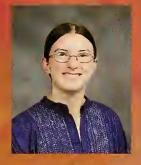
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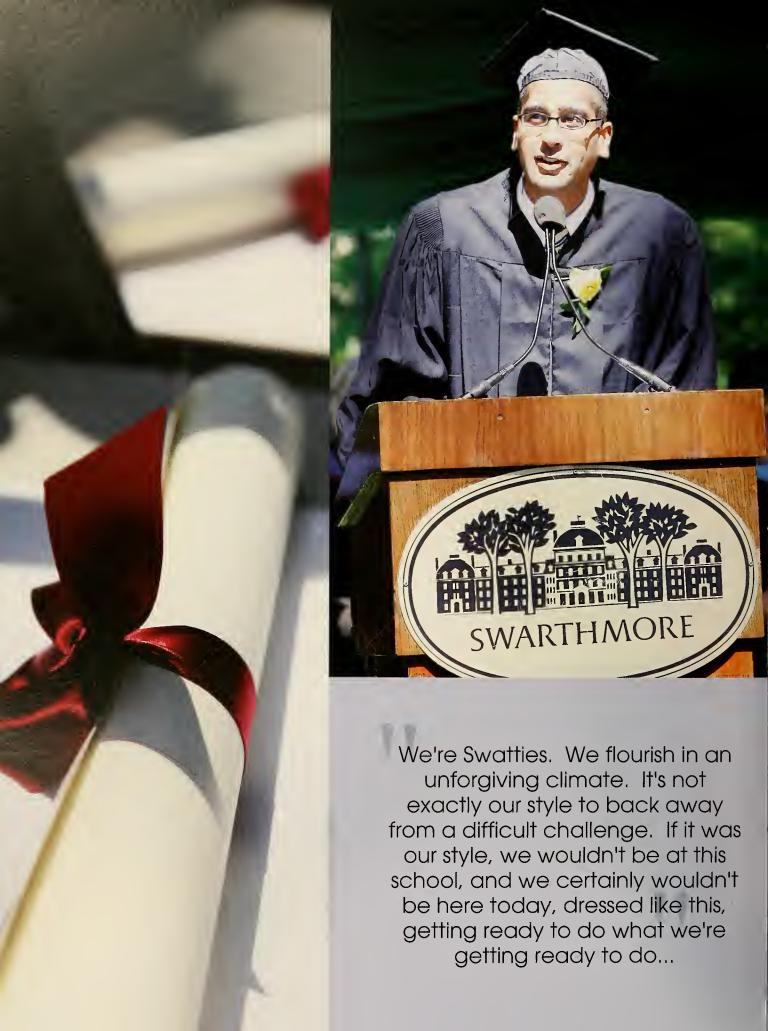




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-President Alfred Bloom











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With lots of love, affection, and admiration,



From Ammamma, Dadi, Ma, Pa, Kartik, and Eska.....

...... and your hordes of cousins, aunts, uncles, grand aunts and uncles and great grand aunts and uncles!



You both made it! Love you - Elisa + Alan



My how you've grown; from Lizbit, to Lizbitty, to Bitsy, to Lizbeth, to Elizabeth, to Lizzy, to Lizzil, to Holly, to Liz, to Zebi!



Who can guess who will come next?
Whatever, we wish you great success
and happiness!
Congratulations on your success at Swarthmore.

Love, Dad, Mom, Ali, Nate & Andy





Randall Keith Benjamin, II
You have always been a leader.
God has destined you for greatness.
He has plans for you - plans, not to harm you,
but to prosper you, and to give you a hopeful future.
Jeremiah 29:11



We love you, and we thank God that you are part of our family.

Love,

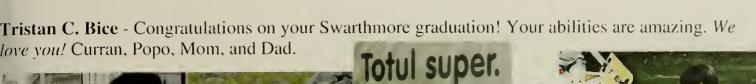
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Zinga! Congratulations, Jesse

Love Mom & Adam





lived life to the fullest, but never more than during your four years at Swarthmore. Where ever you go you will take with you your memories, friendships, and musical and academic accomplishments. We are so proud.

Love, Mom, Dad, Sniffy, and Nelson

Congratulations! Like a true sailor, in the midst of uncertain waters, you have found the light and direction to arrive at this great milestone of your life. Always look for the beacons to guide you in your continuing journey. We are immensely proud of and humbled by your achievements. With everlasting love and support,

Mom, Dad, Andrew and Christina

Imagine the possibilities.

Allison, Remember, you can accomplish anything. I am so proud of you. I love you, Mom

The wine of Divine Grace is limitless,
All limits come only from the faults of the cup.
Moonlight floods the whole sky from horizon to horizon;
How much it can fill your room depends on its windows.
Grant a great dignity, my friend, to the cup of your life;
Love has designed it to hold his eternal wine - Mathnawi





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Hannah,

All your hard work has brought you great rewards, Congratulations!

Much love, Dad + Mom



Faith Pampel,

Your Swarthmore education is an immensely seaworthy vessel. Shove off and sail, remembering this:

"If there is no wind - row"!

Love from you very proud family



"Magic is believing in yourself, if you can do that, you can make anything happen."

Johann Wolfgang van Goethe

We are incredibly proud of who you've become ... and we'll continue to cheer as you follow your dreams!
All our love,

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"No harm's done to history by making it something someone would want to read."

David McCullough

"I still find each day too short for all the thoughts I want to think, all the walks I want to take, all the books I want to read and all the friends I want to see."

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Congratulations on your graduation, James! We're so proud of you and all that you have achieved at Swarthmore College. We wish you a future filled with happiness and success.

Maika'l

Love, Mom, Mike and Randi, and Granny Dear Jacob,

Congratulations!

You always make us proud

Love, Mom and Dad



Querida Emma (para muchos años después): Hoy recordamos un futuro recuerdo, para que cuando dentro de muchos años les enseñes este libro a tus amigos y seres queridos, te acuerdes de lo mucho que nos acordamos de ti el año y día de tu graduación de Swarthmore. Te deseamos que toda tu vida sea tan llena de éxitos y felicidades como tus años en Swarthmore. Y aunque eso sea casi imposible, lo que sí es muy posible es que siempre los recuerdes con alegría y con sana nostalgia, y que al mismo tiempo recuerdes lo que nunca cambia, que es el amor de tus padres. We send you here two big hugs and all our love. For always and for ever, como decía el cuento. Tu sonrisa irónica y parlanchina ha sido nuestra gran alegría y felicidad, y te deseamos muchas cosas buenas para el día de tu graduación, y todas las cosas buenas que te mereces para después. Papi y Mami.



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